

# THE PETITION

Of divers of His MAJESTIES  
faithfull Subjects, of the true Pro-  
testant Religion, in the County  
Palatine of *Lancaster* :

Presented to His Majestie at *York* the last of  
May, by the high Sheriffe of that Countie,  
and divers other Gentlemen of Quality:

And subscribed by 64 Knights and Esquires,  
55 Divines, 740 Gentlemen, and of  
Freeholders and others above 7000.

*With His Majesties Answer,*

June 6. 1642.



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the Kings most Excellent Majestie: And by  
the Assignes of JOHN BILL.  
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THE PETITION

Of the Members of the House of Commons

Presented to the House of Commons

At the Meeting of the House of Commons

On the 14th of January 1841

In support of the Bill for the

Amendment of the Law relating to

the Administration of Justice

And for the better Regulation of the

Business of the Courts of Law

And for the better Regulation of the

Business of the Courts of Equity

And for the better Regulation of the

Business of the Courts of Admiralty

And for the better Regulation of the

Business of the Courts of Chancery

And for the better Regulation of the

Business of the Courts of Common Pleas

And for the better Regulation of the

Business of the Courts of Exchequer

And for the better Regulation of the

Business of the Courts of Session

And for the better Regulation of the

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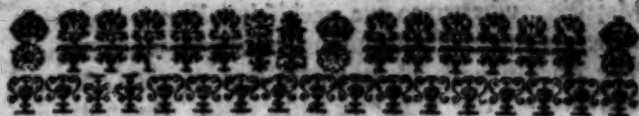
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¶ To the Sacred M A J E S T I E,  
of our most Gracious Sovereign L O R D,

C H A R L E S

By the grace of God, of *England, Scotland, France,*  
and *Ireland* King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

The humble Gratulation and Petition of divers  
His Majesties faithfull Subjects of the true Protestant  
Religion, within the County Palatine of *Lancaster*.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*



He most reall and convincing Testimonies  
of Your Princely care, for the advance-  
ment of Gods true Religion in Your Ma-  
jesties Realms, and the common good of  
all Your Subjects, could no lesse then draw  
from us ( who have hitherto in these stirring times sat  
still ) this humble acknowledgement of our due and ne-  
cessary Thanks.

We, with the inmost and choicest thoughts of Our  
souls, do esteem and prize Your Majesties most righteous  
intentions, of governing Your Liege People according  
to the wholsome Laws of this Kingdom, a thing so es-  
ten, and with such earnestnesse avowed by Your Sacred  
Majestic,

Majestie, whereunto we yeeld that heartie credence,  
 which is due to so Religious and Righteous a Prince;  
 We do also with all humilitie and thankfullnesse ac-  
 knowledge Your manifold and evident Manifestations  
 to the world, that You affect not an Arbitrary Govern-  
 ment, but the common prosperity and happinesse of all  
 Your loyall Subjects, by Your readinesse to joyn with  
 Your Parliament, in a speedie raising of Forces for a  
 timely suppression of that odious Rebellion in *Ireland*;  
 by Your late Proclamation, for the putting in due exe-  
 cution the Laws against Papists; by Your most gracious  
 condescending to the desires of Your great Councell, in  
 signing the Bills for the Trienniall Parliament; for re-  
 linquishing Your Title of Imposing upon Merchandize,  
 and Power of pressing Souldiers; for the taking away  
 of the Star-Chamber and High Commission Courts;  
 for the Regulating of the Councell Table; as also the  
 Bills for the Forrests and Stannarie Courts, with other  
 most necessary Acts: Moreover, we are confident, and  
 well assured of Your Majesties Zeal for the advance-  
 ment of the true Protestant Religion, and with inexpress-  
 sible joy do understand Your most Christian and pious  
 Resolution, for the preservation of those powerfull en-  
 couragements of Industrie, Learning and Pietie, the  
 Means and Honour of the Ministerie, for the mainte-  
 nance and continuance of Our Church Government,  
 and solemn Liturgie of the Church, of long continued  
 and generall Approbation of the most Pious and Learn-  
 ed of this Nation, and of other Countries, composed  
 according to the Primitive Patern, by our blessed Mar-  
 tyrs, and other Religious and Learned men: As also  
 Your

Your gracious pleasure, that all abuses of Church and State shall be reformed, according to the modell of Queen *Elizabeths* dayes, of ever blessed and famous memory: By the one, You have weakened the hopes of the sacrilegious Devourers of the Churches Pattimonie, (if there be any such) And by the other, at once provided against all Popish Impicties and Idolatries, and also against the growing danger of Anabaptists, Brownists, and other Novellists, all which Pietie, Love, and Justice, we beseech God to return into Your Royall Bosome. But yet (most Gracious Sovereign) there is one thing that Sads our hearts, and hinders the perfection of our happinesse, which is, the distance and misunderstanding between Your Majestie and Your Parliament, whereby the hearts of Your Subjects are filled with Fears and Jealousies, Justice neglected, Sacred Ordinances prophaned, and Trading impaired, to the impoverishing of many of Your Leige People: For the removall whereof, we cannot finde out any lawfull means, without Your Majesties Assistance and Direction.

Wherefore we humbly beseech Your most Excellent Majestie to continue Your most Christian and Pious resolution of ruling Your People according to the Laws of the Land, and maintaining of the same, of being a Zealous Defender of the established Doctrine, Liturgie, and government of our Church, from Heresie, Libertinisme, and Prophanenesse; an advancer of Learning, Pietie, and Religion; an Encourager of Painfull Orthodox Preachers; And whatsoever Your Parliament shall offer to Your Royall view, conducing to this blessed end, the Common good, and tranquillitie of Your Subjects, to be pleased to condescend unto, and graciously to confirm: And with-

all to declare unto us some expedient way, how we may make  
 a dutifull Addresse unto Your Parliament, for the taking away  
 of those Differences and Impediments, which stay the happie  
 proceedings of that most Honourable Assembly, whereof Your  
 Majestie is the Head, ( which once removed, we doubt not but  
 You will speedily be as near Your Parliament in Person, as in  
 affection, that there may be a Bless d harmonie between  
 Your Highnesse and that great Councell ) And we shall with all  
 Alacritie observe the same : Humbly tendering our Lives and  
 Fortunes for the preservation of Your Royall Person, Crown,  
 and Dignitie, according to our bounden Dutie and Allegiance:  
 And heartily praying for Your Majesties long and prosperous  
 - Reign over us.

At



At the Court at York, 6. Jun. 1642.

His MAJESTIE hath commanded me  
to give you this His Answer to your Petition.

**T**hat He is very glad to finde such  
reall acknowledgements of those  
great Graces which He hath boun-  
tifully bestowed upon this His King-  
dom of England, in the time of this  
Parliament, & likewise it is a great  
contentment to Him to finde so many true Sons  
of the Church of England, as by your expressions in  
the said Petition doth plainly appear to Him; Assu-  
ring you that He shall not reeld in His Scal and  
Constancie for the maintenance of the true Prote-  
stant Profession, neither to Queen Elizabeth, nor to  
His father of ever blessed Memorie, both against  
Popish Superstition on the one side, and Schis-  
maticall Innovation and Confusion on the other.  
In the last place, as He doth take in very good  
part your desire of a good understanding between  
His Majestie and His two Houses of Parliament;

so



to likewise, We cannot but much commend the way  
that you take therein. And as for your Directions,  
if you will but seriously consider His Majesties  
just and necessary desires, expressed in His Answers  
and Declarations since His coming to York, your  
zeale and knowledge will not need more particular  
Instructions to make such Addreses to both Hou-  
les of Parliament, as the times require, and besit-  
ting such loyall, and true affected Subjects  
to your King and Countrey, as this pe-  
tition expelleth you to be.

His Majesty's Answer to your Petition  
to give you his Answer to your Petition

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